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# B-29s FROM INDIA HIT AT THAILAND



**Jingle Belles:** Celeste Hold (star of Bloomer Girl) presents Grandfather Frost (Val Valentino), the Russian Santa Claus, with the first of a sleighful of gifts for Russian War Relief's Christmas campaign for Russian children. In back of the sleigh are his Snegurochki, snow maidens, played by Georgina Yeager and Lorraine Latham who are accompanied by Pfc. Saul Levine of the Bronx, serviceman wounded in action overseas, and Seaman First Class, Paul Payeur, from Springvale, Me.

## Superforts Blast Bangkok As Well as Rangoon in Burma

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (UP).—Superfortresses of the 20th Bomber Command based in India, striking in major force at the southern extremity of Japan's stolen empire, attacked transportation centers at Bangkok, Thailand, and Rangoon, Burma, today, 24 hours after the record blow of the 21st Bomber Command on Nagoya, Japan.

Results were good at Bangkok and excellent at Rangoon, 360 miles northwest of Bangkok and nearly 3,000 miles southwest of Nagoya, Gen. H. Arnold, commander-in-chief of the 20th Air Force announced in a communique issued here.

Fires were probably still smoldering at Nagoya when the India-based Superforts of Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay's 20th Bomber Command hit Bangkok and Rangoon. The planes took off from their secret base shortly after the 21st Bomber Command Superforts of Brig. Gen. Haywood S. Hansell, Jr., hit Nagoya.

One photograph of results of the Nagoya raid, made by about 100 planes, showed 40 hits where bombs had driven through the roofs of the steel-and-concrete buildings of the Matsudoki plant of the Mitsubishi Aircraft Works to explode inside and rip machinery and partly completed planes.

"Several hours after the Nagoya attack, a substantial force of Superfortresses from Gen. Lemay's 20th Bomber Command took off from their bases in India and struck key military targets in Japanese-dominated Thailand. Important Japanese military transportation centers in Bangkok, Siam (Thailand), and Rangoon, Burma, were bombed. In this, also a daylight mission, returning crews reported good results in hitting the Bangkok objective despite considerable cloud cover, and excellent bombing results at Rangoon."

## 5 State Dept. Aides Okayed; MacLeish Approval in Balance

By ADAM LAPIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—In a weird, scrambled lineup the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at a late hour today had approved the nomination of Archibald MacLeish, well-known poet and liberal spokesman as Assistant Secretary of State in charge of cultural and public relations by an 11 to 10 vote. However, still another change in the vote, which has switched back and forth during the day is not out of the question.

Nominations of Joseph Grew as Undersecretary and of Brig. Gen. Julius Holmes, Nelson Rockefeller, Will Clayton and James C. Dunn as assistant secretaries were approved by the committee.

The vote against MacLeish reached the high-water mark of opposition to the President's new State Department team with the vote on Rockefeller 12 to 7, on Clayton 11 to 7, on Dunn 13 to 5, on Grew 15 to 4 and on Holmes 15 to 4.

All six appointments are expected to

go to the Senate for action tomorrow, but in the case of MacLeish the committee will report the nomination without recommendation.

In view of the committee vote today, MacLeish is in for serious trouble on the Senate floor with a substantial coalition of Republicans, anti-Roosevelt Democrats and possibly some liberal Senators arrayed against him.

### MAIN CONSEQUENCE

This has been the major immediate consequence of the protest movement against the President's State Department nominations led by some Administration Senators and spark-plugged by liberal newspapers including principally PM and the Philadelphia Record.

Last Tuesday there were only four votes against MacLeish in committee. And there was no doubt that if the six nominations had been taken up properly on the Senate floor the following day, he would have been easily approved along with the President's five other appointments. But Administration Democrats lined up with anti-Roosevelt die-hards to

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# WLB Orders Ward Unit in Detroit to Obey by Monday

Special to the Daily Worker

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The War Labor Board today ordered Montgomery Ward to comply by Monday with its order affecting the Detroit branch of the mail order house.

If there is no compliance, which includes a 46 cents an hour minimum and maintenance of membership, the board will refer the case to Economic Stabilizer Fred M. Vinson, who will then turn it over to the President for a possible seizure order.

Meanwhile, Samuel Wolchok, president of the United Retail and Wholesale Workers, the striking union, threatened at a press conference preceding the WLB hearing, to extend the Detroit strike to many other cities.

"We are ready now for an economic shutdown of the company," he said.

Later at the hearing he said the union is "trying to hold the people back with all our might" from spreading the strike.

Public, labor and industry members of the WLB joined in approving this order. Industry members dissented from another motion reaffirming the board's previous Montgomery Ward directives.

The mail order house failed to show up at the WLB hearing, pleading the illness of its general counsel, but a telegram signed by John A. Barr, the company's manager of labor relations, breathed defiance of the board.

Barr repeated that the board's orders are "illegal and uneconomic" and questioned "the necessity of any further hearing."

James B. Carey, secretary of the CIO, attended the Wolchok press conference, and issued a statement endorsing the stand taken by Wolchok's union in striking the Detroit stores of Montgomery Ward.

By HARRY FAINARU

DETROIT, Dec. 14.—The UAW Committee to Uphold Labor's No-Strike Pledge, attended by presidents of locals and other UAW local and international officers, today endorsed secretary-treasurer George Addes' position asking the government to seize Montgomery Ward's stores. They asked the President to see that the "government enforce its decision on management with the same vigor it used in enforcing its decisions in labor in other cases." Addes' statement indicated the strike would immediately be ended on this basis.

William G. Grant, president of Ford Local 600 and chairman of the committee, denounced Sewell Avery and Ward's for defiance of the WLB directives, and pointed out, as did others, that "unchallenged defiance undermines the referendum vote on the no-strike pledge," and makes it possible for the rescinders to whip up strike sentiment.

The meeting unanimously instructed Grant to ask Philip Murray that a delegation visit the President of the United States and William Davis, chairman of the WLB, to urge firm enforcement of the WLB's decisions.

John Anderson, president of Local 155, today said:

"Strike action today prejudices the workers' case and plays into the hands of those forces who are hostile to labor and national unity."

"The situation can be cleaned up real quick if the government takes over Ward's and keeps it until the WLB ruling is carried out in full."

The committee to uphold the no-strike pledge put out a four-page folder urging the workers to reaffirm the no-strike pledge.

## Chaplin Takes Stand in Suit

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 14 (UP).—Charlie Chaplin nervously climbed the witness stand today and barely had time to open his mouth before he was told to climb down again while his lawyer unsuccessfully asked the judge either to toss Joan Barry's paternity suit out of the window or try it without a jury.

Superior Judge Henry M. Willis flatly denied both requests and ordered Pat Millikan, attorney for the comedian, to get on with the business of selecting a jury to decide who fathered Miss Barry's daughter, Carol Ann, now 14 months old.

Wearing a dark pin-stripe suit, Chaplin was on the witness stand only long enough to give his name and address.

Then he was excused and Millikan asked Judge Willis to call off the whole trial, contending that the freckle-faced Miss Barry had agreed not to press her suit if a blood test indicated Chaplin could not be the father.

## Hit Job Chaos At Budd Co.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—War workers anxious to stay on the job and produce for victory are being laid off wholesale at the Budd Co., manufacturers of airplane parts, Al Fisher, international representative of the CIO United Auto Workers, charged here today.

Fisher said the situation at Budd was "disgraceful." Thousands have been laid off, and the plant now operates at from 35 to 40 percent of capacity, he said.

"There is complete disregard for utilization of skilled and experienced workers and, as a result of the company's wholesale lay-off and shifting of workers, panic has been created," he added.

The union, he said, was interested in referring laid off workers to comparable jobs before additional hundreds of thousands of man-hours were lost.

Fisher said appeals to the War Manpower Commission resulted in a letter from Carl B. Harr, area director, which said that in the main the group "currently being laid off" consists of non-production workers, clerks, inspectors, supervisors and accountants.

## Regional OPA Officials to Meet With Civic Group on Meat Strike

The regional Office of Price Administration will meet local retail, labor and consumer groups this afternoon at its Empire State Building office to try to find some solution for the city's meat crisis.

The threat of a meat "holiday" by 10,000 stores beginning Christmas Day still hangs over the city.

The meeting with the price agency follows a request by the Joint Emergency Meat Committee, which was formed this week of "all parties interested in a peaceful solution of equitable distribution and retailers' grievances."

Meanwhile it was revealed that



Caught right on the barrel by a Nazi 88 mm. gun during a duel in the town of Lueherberg, Germany, this gun on an American 1st Army tank has been put out of commission. But the GIs, who have been inspecting the damage, are waiting to get back into action.

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send the nominations back to committee for further hearings.

Forming the hard core of opposition to the nominations was a strange four-man coalition consisting of three Administration backers, Senators Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), James Murray (D-Mont), Joseph Guffey (D-Pa.) and Senator Robert M. LaFollette (Prog-Wis.), who is bitter opponent of the Administration's foreign policy and is expected to affiliate formally with the Republican party before long.

These four senators sponsored a resolution asking the President to reconsider all six nominations on the ground that they do not reflect "the attitude and the point of view" of the Senate on foreign policy—whatever that may be. The resolution was defeated 12 to 4 vote.

### ISOLATIONIST TRIO

Senators Hiram Johnson (R-Cal.), Arthur Capper (R-Kans.) and Henrik Shipstead (R-Minn.) all bitter isolationists, lined up with these four on the Rockefeller and Clayton nominations.

On the first committee vote MacLeish was actually defeated by 12 to 8, with the four-man Guffey-Pepper-Murray-LaFollette coalition joined by every Republican except Warren Austin of Vermont and by lame-duck Democrats Robert Reynolds of North Carolina and Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri.

Pepper then moved to reconsider the vote, and he and Murray voted in favor of MacLeish on the second roll call.

But this still left the vote tied 10 to 10, with Senator Guffey standing firm against MacLeish.

While Senator Tom Connally (D-Tex.) chairman of the committee

was announcing results to reporters, Guffey called up to say he had changed his mind and wishes to switch his vote.

This temporarily put the vote at 11 to 9 in favor of MacLeish. But Senator Clark vindictively challenged Guffey's right to switch his vote by telephone without a formal committee session.

### FAILS TO RECONSIDER

When the committee finally met again later in the afternoon, Guffey failed to make his motion to reconsider because of a reported threat by Clark that he would filibuster the MacLeish nomination until the end of the session if there were another committee vote.

After the second meeting ended, Connally received a telephone call from New York from Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D-NY), who cast an absentee vote for MacLeish. That made it 11 to 10 in favor of MacLeish at 3:30 p.m.

Clark, who has led the fight against the MacLeish nomination, promptly announced that he was trying to contact Nye for the purpose of casting a vote that would throw the count into another deadlock.

Senator Pepper later explained to newspapermen that he and his colleagues voted against all six nominations, including MacLeish on the first ballot, because they wished to register a protest against the conservatism of the State Department set-up.

But as the situation shaped up here tonight the protest rebounded against the one man on the State Department team most generally considered a spokesman for the liberals.

## Furniture Union Smacks Jimcrow

CLEVELAND, Dec. 14.—CIO union officials and Urban League leaders together delivered a wallop to "Jimcrow" at the American Box Co. here last week when the furniture workers union won an agreement with the management to move against discrimination in the shop.

The union representatives and George Washington of the Urban League demanded adequate rest room and luncheon facilities for all employees, regardless of race, creed or color.

The demand was won after long argument last week when the company agreed to improve facilities. At the same time, a Negro girl who had been fired was reinstated with back pay.

## To Hear Report Wednesday On Alabama Case

The second conference on the case of Mrs. Recy Taylor, Alabama Negro rape victim, will be held next Wednesday night at 23 West 26th St. The conference called by the Provisional Committee for Equal Justice for Mrs. Recy Taylor, will hear a report by Eugene Gordon, Daily Worker reporter.

Mrs. Taylor was abducted by a gang of white youths near Abbeville, Ala., more than three months ago, stripped of her clothing, and raped. Her pleas for justice, until a week ago, had been ignored by Alabama authorities.

Gov. Chauncy Sparks and Attorney General William N. McQueen, last week, told Eugene Gordon in Montgomery that they had begun "a thorough and complete investigation" of the attack. Gordon interviewed them on his way back from Abbeville, where he had obtained from Mrs. Taylor a detailed account of the assault. He will report to the conference.

Called to organize a permanent committee and to lay plans for a nation-wide campaign in Mrs. Taylor's behalf, the conference will adopt a program aimed at preventing similar attacks in the future and, when they occur, bringing the guilty to justice.

Wednesday's conference will be made up of delegates representing trade union, church, civic, fraternal and other organizations. More than 100 invitations have been sent out.

### SPONSORS

The committee made public yesterday a partial list of sponsors, including Mrs. Pauline Dobbs, Birmingham, Ala.; the Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, Boston, and New York Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Earl Conrad, Miss Thelma Dale, Councilman Benjamin J. Davis Jr., Mrs. Katherine Earnshaw, Howard Fast, Rabbi Max Felchin, Abram Flaxer, James W. Ford, Assemblyman Hulan E. Jack, Mrs. Ada B. Jackson, Canada Lee, Representative Vito Marcantonio, the Rev. William Howard Melish, Samuel Novick, Congressman-elect Adam Clayton Powell Jr., Mrs. M. L. A. Pratt, Councilman Michael Quill, and Professor Walter Rautenstrauch.

Representative George H. Bender of Ohio has pledged his support of the committee.

Miss Glenda Sullivan, temporary secretary, said yesterday that funds are coming in but that more are needed for current expenses. Checks should be made payable to Assemblyman Hulan E. Jack, treasurer.

## Will Collect Milk For Italian Kids

Congressman Vito Marcantonio and Eugene P. Connolly, chairman and secretary of the American Labor Party of New York County, announced yesterday that the ALP County Committee would undertake an intensive campaign to raise, through its Assembly District clubs, a minimum of 50,000 cans of evaporated milk to be contributed to the children of Italy.

They pointed out that the organization had appointed Hugo Forzani, chairman of the American Labor Party of the Third Assembly District North, as fulltime director of the project.

## To Use Nazi Captives On English Farms

LONDON, Dec. 14 (UP).—Picked German prisoners of war will be employed on English farms without military guard, the British Ministry of Agriculture announced today.

If the scheme is successful, German prisoners will be used in increasing numbers to eke out the labor shortage and to free Italians, now working on English farms, for heavier labor.



# ELAS Takes Athens Airfield

## 7th Army $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile From Reich Line

PARIS, Friday, Dec. 15 (UP).—The U.S. Seventh Army smashed through the Rhine Valley to within one-half mile of the German border at a point only seven miles from the great fortress of Karlsruhe Thursday and rolled toward the Rhine Palatinate frontier on a 16-mile front westward, gaining more than seven miles.

PARIS, Dec. 14 (UP).—The U.S. Seventh Army smashed tonight into the "Karlsruhe Corner" in a four-mile advance that put Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's doughboys one-half mile from the German frontier near Lauterbourg, only seven miles from the great Siegfried citadel of Karlsruhe across the Rhine.

The Yanks reached the vicinity of Lauterbourg, French frontier city lying in the northeast corner of Alsace and were massing along the Rhine opposite Karlsruhe. It was possible that the Baden capital, a city of 155,000 population, already was under artillery fire since Patch's troops were within easy range.

At a point farther west the Seventh Army had smashed to within two miles of Germany's Wissembourg gate, through which Napoleon invaded Prussia, and in advances on a 30-mile Alsace front had now captured 25 forts in the old Maginot line.

At the same time, the U. S. First Army swung up to the Roer River with the Ninth Army on solid, 15-mile front above Duren, and sent the Fifth Armored Division through an infantry-won breach southwest of that German bastion in a two-mile gain which threatened to clamp it in a Yankee pincers.

### ROER ADVANCE

On the south flank of the 35-mile Rhineland front, other First Army doughboys advanced on the far side of the upper Roer and stormed one of the most formidable sections of the Siegfried Line on the outskirts of the road junction of Wahlerscheid, five miles southeast of Monschau.

This new phase of Hodges' drive now was proceeding on a nine-mile front and tanks and infantry teams had bitten well into the thick west-wall defenses and captured a fourth town, Kesternich, five miles northeast of Monschau, since the zero hour Wednesday. Kesternich was taken in a one-mile eastward advance from Simmerath, taken in the opening hours of the assault.

Maj. Gen. Robert C. Macon's 83d Division occupied Gurzenich after an advance of a mile from Derichsweiler and with Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Craig's Ninth Division was cleaning up the western suburbs of Duren.

The stronghold of 27,000 normal population already was closely invested from the west and north by the Yanks' front on the Roer, which was extended to 15 miles when Maj. Gen. Terry Allen's famed 104th Infantry Division captured Schoppo after a see-saw six-day struggle and ninth army troops captured

Vichhofen, two miles south of Jullich.

The Seventh Army drove to the Rhine at a point northeast of Seltz, 16 miles above Haguenau, and also captured Eberbach, two miles northwest of Seltz and four miles from Germany's Rhine Palatinate border.

Smashing through another section of the delapidated Maginot Line, Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's troops drove two miles from captured Mattstall to within two miles of the German border in the Wissembourg Gap at a point about four miles west of Wissembourg City. Also captured was the big road center of Soultz.

Inside Saarlautern, infantry of the 95th Division advanced 500 yards and captured three pillboxes and eight fortified houses in Fraulautern, the northeast section of the city which lies within the second belt of the Siegfried Line.

## 'E' Bonds Lag in City

New York State and New York City have not only topped their original bond quotas for the Sixth War Loan but are well on their way toward raising an additional \$1,000,000 more by the drive's end this Saturday. However, sales of "E" bonds, the popular issues, are lagging.

Total sales for the state up to the close of business Wednesday were \$4,985,900,000, amounting to 118 percent of the original goal. Latest available figures also show "E" bond sales of \$169,000,000 or 57.3 percent.

City sales rose to the tune of \$4,389,157,568 or 119.7 percent for total sales, with only \$108,354,108 or 59.7 percent for the "E" bonds.

## Bill Proposes Aid in Reestablishing Firms

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (UP).—Rep. Jerry Voorhis, (D-Cal) today introduced a bill to extend the life of the Smaller War Plants Corp. for three additional years, to change its name to the Federal Small Business Corp. and to authorize it to reestablish any small business injured or destroyed by war conditions.

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Fighting continued in Athens yesterday after a brief lull, and the Free Greece radio, heard in London, said that patriot ELAS forces had captured the Tatoi and Eleusis airfields near the capital. An official announcement in Rome reported that strong infantry reinforcements and hundreds of tons of supplies had been flown from Italy to the British during the last two days. Some of the reinforcements, United Press said, are "arriving in a spectacular manner."



The new Italian cabinet formed by Premier Ivanoe Bonomi. Left to right, they are: Umberto Turini, Justice; Marcello Soleri, Treasury; Vincenzo Ruiz, Education; Francesco Cerabona, Transport; Fausto Gullio, Agriculture; Mario Cevolotto, Post and Telegraph; Mario Presenti, Finance; Premier Bonomi; Mauro Scocimarro, Occupied Territories; Palmiro Togliatti, Vice Premier.

## Big Artillery Battle Rages at Budapest

LONDON, Dec. 14 (UP).—Moscow's nightly war bulletin gave no report on the fighting in the Budapest area. In the Miskolc area, 80 miles northeast of the capital, how-

ever, Soviet troops captured the towns and rail stations of Szerencs and Bodrogkeresztur, 18 and 26 miles east northeast of Miskolc on the railroad to Satoraljaujhely.

In the Budapest and Miskolc areas, Moscow said, 870 enemy prisoners were taken.

The battle of Budapest, however, was being decided in a great artillery and tank struggle six to 22 miles southwest of the capital, the Soviet newspaper Trud reported.

The Germans, Trud said, have massed artillery and tanks along the embankment of the Budapest-Szekesfehervar railroad between the rail station of Erd and Lake Velencei, in an effort to prevent the Soviets from driving north and encircling the city on the west by closing a 35-mile wide escape gap.

### HEAVY FIGHTING

Particularly heavy fighting was reported at Martonvasar, 12 miles southwest of Budapest, where the Germans have concentrated their largest forces along the entire 50-

mile long Budapest siege arc. Northwest of Miskolc, 80 miles northeast of Budapest, other Soviet forces widened their front along the Sajó River valley as they drove westward to link with those on the western fringes of the Matra Mountains, and also pushed up the Herdard River valley toward the vital Czechoslovak rail junction of Kosice.

The Moscow radio urged the people of Vienna to revolt against the Germans as soon as Soviet armies cross the Austrian border and approach the Austrian capital, while an Austrian underground station gave instructions to Austrians on how to form an underground movement.

At the same time, the Soviet newspaper Izvestia described Budapest as gate No. 2 to Germany and Vienna gate No. 1, adding that "the Red Army is battering down gate No. 2 and as for gate No. 1 its turn is coming." Izvestia reminded the Austrians that the Moscow declaration stated that the fate of the country after the war depended on the help the Austrians gave in liberating their land.

## Threat to Kunming Held Not Over

CHUNGKING, Dec. 14 (UP).—Japanese threat to the U. S. 14th Airforce Headquarters at Kunming has not yet been eliminated, Maj. Gen. Robert B. McClure, U. S. Army Chief of Staff in China, warned today, despite a Chinese High Command announcement that Chinese troops were pursuing the retreating enemy southward in Kwangsi province.

The Chinese communiqué reported recapture of Cheho.

McClure told a press conference the Japanese vanguards withdrew from Kweichow Province because their supply lines had been overextended.

While rumors of attempted settlements continued to circulate, there was no material change in the situation.

Papandreou government quarters, cited by UP, said they would insist on unconditional surrender of the patriots.

Guarantees demanded by EAM, according to the Athens radio now in patriot hands, include "punishment of traitors, purge from state departments of all fascists, recognition of a people's democratic state and a national army which assures internal and external freedom."

The London Times, objecting to the "unconditional surrender" attitude, said on Wednesday:

"It is an inevitable prerequisite of acceptance by the EAM and the ELAS of any terms of withdrawal or disarmament that they should be persuaded that no trap or one-sided truce is implied, and that they will be protected from all danger of reprisals or victimization once they have laid down their arms, and it is especially a British responsibility to establish this conviction."

The Times further warned that "the battle, which is not going too well, threatens to become a war," and pointed out that the resistance could not be suppressed unless "the decision is taken to bring in considerable reinforcements of men and weapons at the expense of the war in Germany."

Some members of the EAM were said to be ready to accept an interim government headed by Archbishop Darmaninos.

Exchange Telegraph reported that Militiades Prophyrogenis, Communist leader, first secretary of the EAM and former Cabinet minister, had met again with the British Major General, Ronald M. Scobie.

All attempts so far at conciliation, however, have come up against Scobie's intransigence, apparently still backed to the hilt by Prime Minister Churchill.

## Churchill Sticks By Greek Policy

Prime Minister Churchill took time out in Parliament yesterday to assert, despite mounting public protest, that his Greek policy remains unchanged.

He revealed that of 460 British casualties since the Greek landings, 160 were suffered since Nov. 30—in other words, since British forces have been attacking Greek patriots.

Laborite Seymour Cocks asked Churchill how long the government "intends to go on with its policy of murdering our Greek comrades."

Laborite David Kirkwood added that he had been "inundated" with telegrams from factory workers threatening a sit-down strike over the government's policy in Greece.

Canadian labor also protested British policy in Greece. Aircraft Lodge 712 in Montreal, representing 20,000 workers, wired Prime Ministers Churchill and Mackenzie King demanding "immediate withdrawal" of British forces.

H. G. Wells stepped into the fray with a scorching attack on Churchill, saying the Prime Minister "has precipitated us into a class war—and on the wrong side."

## To Discuss Greece On Detroit Radio

DETROIT, Dec. 14.—James Keller, Michigan Communist Political Association State educational director will speak over Detroit's main radio station WWJ, Saturday, Dec. 16 at 11:15 p. m., on the situation in Greece.

## Plea From Argentine Underground Labor Received by CTAL Congress

By EFREN FARRILL

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16.—The Argentine government has been unable to smash the labor movement, Vicente Lombardo Toledano told delegates to the Confederation of Latin American Workers (CTAL) congress at Cali, Colombia, yesterday. Argentine members of the CTAL executive, elected in 1941, still represent their unions, Lombardo declared.

[The New York Times reported yesterday that workers in the La Plata oil refineries in Argentina

are on strike, and that there were "serious disturbances" Monday in La Carlota, Cordoba Province.]

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Iscero requested the CTAL to organize mass meetings throughout the Americas to denounce the GOU's plans.

Liberated, underground Argentine labor newspaper, issued by the Patria Libre resistance movement, states that acceptance of the Argentine conference proposal would be "a severe blow to the people of Argentina and the security of the Americas."

Argentine delegates Francisco Perez Leiros and Jose Argana are coming to the CTAL congress despite the personal danger involved.



# Renovated Slums Don't Pay, Harlem Experience Shows

By LOUISE MITCHELL

Ask the man who manages one how successful it is to run a rehabilitated slum tenement, if you really want to know whether Mayor LaGuardia's plan to grant a 10-year tax exemption to owners of old-law houses will work. Clifford

## GROPPERGRAMS



The dictionary doesn't say That rape is wrong or right Depending on the color Black or white.

It Gropper can use your original gag you will receive \$1. Address Groppergrams, care Daily Worker, 50 E. 40 St.

## Police Renew Drive for Raise

New York City policemen and firemen, defeated in two earlier attempts to get their basic pay raised, are undertaking a new campaign in the state legislature for the same purpose.

Under pressure from the Mayor, the two departments settled last spring for a temporary \$450 yearly bonus in return for overtime work for the duration.

In pressing to have the bonus permanently attached to their salaries, the Fire and Police Conference Committee will work for adoption of a bill in the Assembly which would bring the issue before the public in a referendum.

L. Alexander, head of the Urban Housing Management Association, Inc., in charge of 42 renovated houses in Harlem, said yesterday that the city's 10,000 old-law houses are not worth an extensive overhauling job and ought to be demolished as soon as possible.

Any renovation planned should not exceed five years, Alexander explained. Ten years is too long a lease on life for some of these dilapidated houses.

Once a group of slums are improved ever so slightly, he said, it is hard to assemble a property bloc for a project. This only tends to delay overall redevelopment.

"Besides," Alexander pointed out, "these obsolete houses can never be improved to provide proper light and air. Without these essential to decent living they can never really

Alexander adds his experience to that of the City Housing Authority, which has already stressed that renovation of old tenements doesn't pay. When the first city projects were built and some tenements were renovated to house displaced tenants the Housing Authority found that renovation wasn't worth the money it cost.

## NEGRO ENTERPRISE

The Urban Housing Management Association has been operating in Harlem for just one year. It is a non-profit corporation, organized to encourage Negro enterprise in housing management and to promote better living conditions. It takes the callous edge off tenant-landlord relationship. Sponsored by the New York Urban League, it brings to the tenants under its management many of the social services of the League.

"Ours is a demonstration project," Alexander said. "We want to convince landlords of the advisability of local management as against absentee landlordism. We do not take on any tenement until minimum standards such as

steam and hot water are installed."

The association is not interested in taking on more than 50 houses, since its main aim is to demonstrate that socially motivated management is good business practice.

"Our agents are specially trained men," Alexander declared. "They visit some 591 units each month for rent and have established a friendly relationship with tenants. They assist in health, and employment information and bring many family services to the public. They are alert to community needs."

The Association hopes to encourage formation of new agencies and will cooperate with other Negro managing agents. It also seeks "to encourage and promote the formation of contractors and craftsmen groups . . . to demonstrate that local labor can service and maintain buildings in the area . . . and to develop employment opportunities."

Two public projects are planned for Harlem after the war. The Abraham Lincoln and James Weldon Johnson projects will house 2,500 families. This is about five times the number of families already living in Harlem River Houses. More public and private houses will have to be built. It will take careful and scheduled planning to see that tenants dislodged for housing projects get a proper place to live in. That is the entire city's job.

## Employer-Paid Health Plan Won

An employer-paid health plan, providing annual physical examinations, disability and hospital benefits and even eyeglasses, will be given 75,000 members of the New York Dress Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers under a program just approved by the membership.

Employers contribute 3½ percent of their payrolls to a sick and vacation fund administered jointly by union and management. Approximately two-thirds of the fund will provide a week's vacation with pay for every worker covered, while less than a third will go for sick benefits and examinations.

Under the plan, workers are each eligible for examination, treatment, diagnostic and specialist service to cost no more than \$15 in any one benefit year. All services, however, are calculated at the cost rates of the ILGWU health center, which has long serviced union members at low cost.

Hospital benefits are provided at the rate of \$3 a day for 25 days. In addition, disability payments of \$12 a week are given. Tuberculosis patients are entitled to either a cash settlement of \$250 or the usual hospital rate plus \$50 for incidental expenses. If they go to an out-of-state institution, they are eligible for fare plus \$50.

Benefits apply to union members, whether employed or unemployed, according to union officials.

Employer groups contributing to the fund are the Affiliated Dress Manufacturers, Inc., National Dress Manufacturers Association, Inc., United Popular Dress Manufacturers' Association, Inc., United Better Dress Manufacturers Association, Inc., and Popular Priced Dress Manufacturers Association, Inc.

## Union Lookout

- Shipbuilders' Unity
- India's Railwaymen

by Dorothy Loeb



H. Richard Seller, former American Newspaper Guild organizer and Federated Press bureau manager, is leaving New York to become secretary to H. DeLacy, Congressman-elect in Seattle. Seller comes from Seattle originally. . . . Ben Yomen, Federated Press cartoonist, is joining the United Auto Workers staff in Detroit. Both Seller and Yomen will be guests of honor at a farewell party this afternoon (Friday) at the Newspaper Guild Club, 40 E. 40 St., N.Y.C.

A Unity slate, pledged to complete support of the CIO national program, won election from top to bottom in Local 13 of the Marine and Shipbuilding Workers recently. Ed Fountain, head of the unity ticket, was elected president by a seven-to-five vote on a write-in, which is pretty terrific. He defeated J. King, incumbent, head of the all-union slate, and B. K. Sheehy, who headed a group which called itself the progressives. Elected with Fountain were: F. J. Deighan, vice-president; Max Sparet, treasurer; Fred Wood, financial secretary; Peter J. O'Neill, recording secretary; Ernest Hamilton, Sr., trustee and Martin Rhodes, business agent.

The calm of a Dressmakers Local 22 meeting was broken Tuesday night when Rose Walkowitz, a veteran member, took the leadership over the goals for not leading a fight for AFL participation in the international labor conference which opens in London Feb. 6. Charles Zimmerman, manager, let her have her say but didn't deign to answer. . . . The International Typographical Union has been meeting with the American Newspaper Publishers Association to discuss streamlining out-dated arbitration machinery in operation since 1901. ITU delegates said they were in favor of creating new machinery and throwing the old document "out the window." Representing the ITU were Woodruff Randolph, president, Jack Gill, secretary-treasurer, Larry Taylor, first vice-president, and Elmer Brown, second vice-president.

Even if you knew nothing about the low level of collective bargaining relations in India, a petition just sent to the CIO Transport Workers Union here by a brother in service overseas would bring you up to date fast. The petition is being circulated by the India Railwaymen's Federation, looking for raises from the Bengal & Assam Railway. The striking thing about the document is the constant reference to petitioning unionists as "your humble memorialist." While the case for raises is clearly stated—based on rise in the cost of living, traditionally low basic pay and increased work—there is a tone of supplication about it that is surprising to American laborers. The paragraph that introduces the concrete demands, for example, adds, after setting forth the reasons they should be granted: "In these circumstances, your humble memorialist most respectfully prays that your kindness will be graciously pleased to examine the existing scale of pay obtaining on this Railway and grant the memorialist's prayer as stated herein below. . . ."

The final sentence in the petition is another that would set American laborites thinking. It says: "And for this act of kindness your humble Memorialist, as in duty bound, shall ever pray." And at the very end, the petition provides for "signature or thumb-impression" for the unionist to sign. But for all the differences in forms of expression, American trade unionists can understand the demands and hope the Secretary of the New Delhi Railway Board, to whom the petition is addressed, got around to real collective bargaining and granted the demands.

Three members of Wholesale and Warehouse Workers, Local 65, were guests at the White House recently. They won the trip because they were selected a the three in the union who did the most to insure that President Roosevelt would be living there. Those who went were Harry Karpe, Williams Hassel and Matthew Taranto, FDR didn't happen to be around but his staff, welcomed the union trio and showed them all around.

More than 400 Christmas packages were sent to members in service by the Screen Office and Professional Employees Guild, Local 109. . . . Jewelry Workers Local 1 went over the top in the drive for labor's war chest. Quota was \$11,000. Members subscribed \$12,000. . . . J. B. S. Hardman, who has been head of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers educational department for 25 years, as well as editor of the Advance, union organ, is taking a leave. He plans publication of a monthly magazine for Inter-Union Institute, of which he is chairman.

## Lincoln Vets Endorse Anti-Franco Meeting

"The time has come when we must stop aiding a dangerous enemy of our country," declared Leonard Lamb, executive secretary of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, in announcing the Vets' support of the widely-sponsored

Jan. 2 Anti-Franco Rally in Madison Square Garden.

"On Jan. 2," he said, "the people of New York will have an opportunity to express their deep concern over our country's important role as a supporter of the Franco Fascist regime."

"There can be no excuse," said Lamb, "for our aid to a man who has always befriended Hitler, who poisons inter-American relations by his fomenting of fascist regimes in Latin America."

"Especially now," Lamb continued, "when all reports agree that Franco's fascist power is tottering, when he is losing the support of even his army generals, America must not allow the powerful pres-

tige of its recognition to help him to maintain his dictatorship. We Lincoln Veterans feel sure that an over-flow crowd on Jan. 2 will demand of our State Department that we immediately break all relations with the Spanish Fuehrer."

Those organizations sponsoring the Garden meeting include: The Nation Associates; the national CIO, American Business Congress; Union for Democratic Action, League for Industrial Democracy, American Educational Fellowship, American Labor Party, CIO City Council, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, American Committee for Spanish Freedom, Abraham Lincoln Brigade; United Committee of South Slavic Americans, Free World Assn., and the U. S. Student Assembly.

## News Capsules

### The New Order in a Library

A Brussels dispatch just received here shows the Germans have new ideas of how to keep a library. When the Nazis occupied the Belgian capital they decided the regular custom of arranging libraries according to subjects was all wrong. Instead they arranged the books according to size in order to "give the place neatness and order."

The Rev. William C. Baxter, 41, rector of fashionable St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in White Plains, N. Y., pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of indecent exposure and was ordered to Grasslands Hospital for psychiatric examination.

Baxter was arrested on Nov. 21 on complaint of the father of two boys, 12 and 14, before whom the act complained of took place last July 15.

His attorney said the church's vestrymen had stood behind him "100 per cent" since his arrest.

City Judge Stewart W. Rowe set Dec. 21 for sentencing. Maximum penalty is one year in county jail and \$500 fine.

A baby boy delivered by caesarian section three minutes after the death of the mother, was reported by physicians as in "fair" condition today.

The infant was Harry Jones, Jr., whose 32-year-old mother, Mrs. Juanita Jones, died, four hours after her admission to the University of Kansas Hospital in

Kansas City, Kan. She was suffering from a cerebral hemorrhage.

The Navy revealed yesterday it had developed a small rocket-carrying ship with two and a half times the fire power of a 45,000-ton battleship.

It also revealed the existence of a five-inch rocket with the explosive power of a 155 mm shell and a single-engined rocket-firing plane whose one salvo has an impact equal to that of a broadside from the five-inch guns of a destroyer.

The new rocket-carrying ships are designated as LCT (R)—landing craft, tank, rocket.

A U. S. Coast Guard icebreaker on its maiden mission captured a camouflaged German trawler in the northeast Greenland area in October, it was disclosed yesterday, and prevented the Nazis from setting up a weather station.

With its Swastika ensign flying below the American flag, the captured trawler, the Externsteine, was brought into Boston port by a prize crew.

The partly-clad body of Mrs. Clara Penn, 26-year-old medically discharged WAC, was found yesterday in a hedge across the street from her home here.

Police said that the attractive blonde had been raped and apparently strangled.

Neighbors reported they heard loud cries about 3 a.m. near the spot where the body was found.



# A Half-Way No-Strike Pledge Is No Pledge

## Approval of Ward Strike Seen As First Blow at CIO Stand

By GEORGE MORRIS

The principal issue highlighting the Detroit Montgomery Ward strike is whether labor can leave even a crack open for exceptions to its no-strike pledge. The CIO's no-strike pledge, reaffirmed from convention to convention since Pearl Harbor, is unequivocal and clear cut. The resolution reprinted below was passed unanimously only three weeks ago.

The issue is not Sewell Avery. He is undoubtedly the country's outstanding reactionary and is leading off for the most vicious labor-

breaks it.

The character of a Sewell Avery and the fact that he is a spearhead of reaction nationally should emphasize the mistake of resorting to a strike.

Avery puts himself on the same level as labor. "You say I defy the government. So does labor," is his excuse.

What better target could organized labor have had than Sewell Avery, had a sweeping national-wide campaign been launched to win the public and expose the likes of this America Firster?

What better opportunity to contrast labor's fine war record to that of some employers?

### LABOR SOLIDARITY

Solidarity of all labor with the Ward workers, yes. Funds for their fight, yes. Pressure upon the company from every possible source, yes. But the proposal to rally such support for a strike, as it is being carried through in Detroit, is only falling into the trap that the promoters of the campaign to rescind the UAW's no-strike pledge have set.

The warning of some UAW leaders and the regional CIO director in Detroit against a CIO strike, does not change matters much. The

chief objective of Vice-president Walter Reuther whose main following consists of the "rescinders," and PM which supports his line, is to establish a basic precedent—a strike sanctioned by a CIO union and supported, as a strike, by the CIO. Thereby they expect to score in their plan to undermine the no-strike pledge and discredit it.

### NO EXCEPTION

By taking the position that the Ward strike is an exception, some UAW leaders who otherwise support the pledge, put themselves basically on Reuther's ground. The exceptional position is, indeed, strange.

On the one hand its advocates claim that industries, such as Ward, are not essential to war; on the other, they appeal to the President to seize the Ward plants by invoking the powers which give him a right to do where the war efforts is impaired.

They have never explained the contradiction because they cannot. Three years of war have taught us that the distinction between war and civilian industry is very vague. But, perhaps, the most important evidence is furnished in Detroit this very minute.

A strike in a mail order house has been injected as an issue

among a half million workers in aircraft, automotive, tank and other arms fields.

The UAW forces campaigning for a "No" vote on the no-strike pledge are furnishing the bulk of the pickets at Ward. But Ward is of interest to them only as an "incident" that might ignite a bomb under the entire no-strike pledge.

The most demagogic of all arguments is the claim that all recourse under the WLB setup was exhausted because the company to comply. This leaves out of account the ruling of the Attorney General, upheld by the court, in the earlier Ward case. It was then shown that the industry is essential to war and the President's wartime powers apply to it. But the President's possibility to act is not strengthened when the union involved also defies the WLB.

Most deceiving of all is the claim that a strike is the supreme weapon against Avery. It is actually a weapon for him. Employers like him are doing everything they can to provoke strikes.

It is inconceivable that workers should allow themselves to be maneuvered into action that pits them, in common with an Avery, against government authority.



Sewell Avery

## No Exceptions in CIO's No-Strike Resolution

[Below we reprint in full the resolution reaffirming the no-strike pledge adopted at the Chicago CIO convention. Note there is not a word in it that would suggest that exceptions should be made in any situation or that the pledge is limited to only certain fields.]

WHEREAS, (1) The working men and women of this nation desire above anything else to ex-

ert all their effort and energy toward achieving maximum production of war materials. The CIO, at the outset of this war gave its no-strike pledge which it has religiously maintained;

(2) We recognize that a strike or stoppage of work, frequently provoked by management or caused by the weaknesses and delay of government agencies, must necessarily interfere with this effort for all-out production and to that extent actually assists our enemies and endangers the life of those men and women on the battlefronts fighting the Axis armies;

(3) Labor does not regard its no-strike pledge as a bargaining matter with our nation. To the contrary, we recognize that the enemies of our war effort would constantly seek to provoke labor into engaging in strikes and that there are employers who, for their own personal profit, would endeavor to take advantage of our war situation and attempt to exploit labor regardless of the impact of their policies upon the war effort. This has involved sacrifices by labor to assure continuous and maximum production of war materials for our armed forces; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, (1) That the CIO hereby reaffirms its solemn pledge that until we have accomplished a complete and absolute destruction of the German and Japanese military forces there can be no question of our basic responsibility to the nation to continue intact our no-strike pledge.

Each member and leader of organized labor must make it his responsibility to discharge with scrupulous care this sacred obligation.

(2) We must recognize that for the duration of the war all issues in dispute between labor and management must be adjusted through the peaceful means of collective bargaining, mediation, or through disposition by the National War Labor Board.

(3) Further, we must recognize that to assure the prosecution of the war program and to prevent special groups from exploiting labor or benefiting from the sacrifices of others, organized labor has the task of mobilizing the people on the legislative and political fronts behind a program designed to meet the basic economic problems arising out of the war and to protect the interests of the common people.

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## Restating the Issue in Europe

THE fighting in Athens is going badly for the British. The London Times echoes the dismay of British conservatives when it warns that Mr. Churchill has overreached himself. But the war cabinet's desperation must be approaching panic when it permits Ernest Bevin, the Labor minister, to suggest that the United States and the Soviet Union are co-responsible for the unilateral outrage on Greece.

That is what Bevin attempted on Wednesday at the Labor Party conference. We think he is taking advantage of the patience of his allies who will no doubt answer him by whatever channels they consider best. But he is raising an issue which needs greater clarification for ourselves.

### Demarcation of Responsibility

Yes, the great powers undoubtedly are united in the timing and scope of their military operations. It was impossible, after all, to mix up the armies of each power; there had to be demarcations of their military responsibility.

But such demarcations are based on a common political policy, governed by the basic understanding of Moscow and Teheran. They provided for arrest of all fascist leaders, and the encouragement of democratic institutions without external interference. If Britain was given common consent to land in Greece, it is a gross imposition to suggest that her political course was ratified or anticipated, or is condoned by her allies.

Europe is witnessing a profound democratic rebirth on a new and higher level. Her peoples are demanding a cleansing of all fascists from whatever class or in whatever position. They want basic reforms in industry and agriculture without going beyond the limits of a capitalist social order; they will not lay down their arms until these reforms are guaranteed. And the Communists in each country are fighting for these things alongside of all other patriots.

Only such a Europe is possible today and tomorrow. The alternative is a restoration of semi-fascist conditions greatly encouraging German fascism itself; or chaos and civil war such as Britain has provoked in Greece.

### Democracy Arising

Now the important thing, which more and more commentators are coming to understand, is that the same general form of democracy is springing up in the areas temporarily occupied by the Red Army as in those areas occupied by our own or the British armies.

In Poland, the Committee of Liberation is extending private property to the peasants, to increase the domestic market, exactly as the Italian Committee of Liberation wants to do. In Romania, high fascist officials are being arrested and tried exactly as in France. Each country in Europe has national peculiarities and special traditions; but the essentials of the new democracy are common to all of them.

This fact is the answer to those who chatter about "Bolshevism" in Europe, which Walter Lippmann yesterday called an "old rubber stamp." Americans will get nowhere if they allow the Hearst press and the Social Democrats to yell "communism" in a crisis where no issue of a new social order is involved.

### Defies Popular Will

The crisis consists of this: whereas in the Soviet-occupied areas or in France, few or no obstacles have been placed before the people's will, Churchill has inexcusably tried to defy the very same popular will in Belgium, Italy and Greece. The result is disaster.

No rivalry of the Soviet Union and Great Britain, as such, is involved here; Europe has not been divided into spheres of influence beyond the demarcations of military necessity, which is something entirely different. "Authoritative American officials" were quoted by the Associated Press yesterday as denying Ernest Bevin's allegations; and in our opinion, the Soviet Union's own policy and practice refutes Mr. Bevin.

The national interests of our own country and Great Britain do not require anything but peaceful consolidation of Europe's new democracy. Any other policy is fatal to the peoples involved. And as in Greece, it will only boomerang, and humiliate those who act differently.

## UP TO NO GOOD



NEWS ITEM: AFL Secretary Meany on trip to Mexico to disrupt Latin American Confederation of Labor.

### — To Tell the Truth —

## Agrippa Was a Liar

by Robert Minor

A MAN I have known a long time asks:

"What is the difference between the position of the Communist Political Association, saying that capital and labor can get along together, and the class collaboration that the old Socialist opportunists and Samuel Gompers used to advocate? We used to accuse them of being guided by the philosophy of Menenius Agrippa, the Roman senator, who tried to stop the revolt of the plebeians against the aristocrats in ancient Rome by telling them the yarn about the human body. Agrippa said it was really too bad that the arms and the legs had to do all the work, while the good things of life all go to the stomach; but there was nothing that could be done about it, the arms and legs must not rebel against the stomach because they cannot get along without the stomach. Are we not doing the same thing when we tell the workers that they must get along with capitalists?"



NO. QUITE a different thing. The effect is quite the opposite.

Why was that old analogy between the human body and human society so harmful?

First, because it was entirely false, because concretely there is no resemblance. To prove any truth in it they would have to show that putting food into the stomach of a wealthy person strengthens the arms and legs of an exploited man, that the wealth of the exploiters brings prosperity to the exploited. Such is not the case. That is why the analogy is false, deceitful, fraudulent.

Secondly, such an analogy or philosophy that resembles it was harmful because people could be made to believe it.

At the time when Gompers and the Socialist opportunists told the masses they could not get along without the exploiting classes, it

stified their initiative, stultified their thinking by making them accept an untrue, monstrous picture of the structure of society. It caused a weakening of democracy and retarded the building of the labor movement.

BUT today not a single average human being in the world believes that the workers cannot get along without the exploiting classes. The possibility of making any seriously large mass of people believe that they cannot get along without an exploiting class above them has disappeared forever from history.

It is exactly because of this that a great deal more of freedom of action and discussion in the field of relationship between capital and labor is possible.

We are not telling the masses the opportunist lie. We tell them the truth, of the character of this war as a national war, the true interest of the nation in the defeat of fascism, and the vast stimulation and strengthening of all of world democracy by the strength of the great socialist state and of our alliance with it.

Observe what a different effect it has under conditions of this time when we tell the masses that it is to their interest to enter wholeheartedly, fully and in good faith into the support not only of the national cause in the war, but also of a long-time cooperation of the different classes, and particularly the two decisive classes—capital and labor. It is now a matter of influencing the course of national policy, and this is a reality, no longer an illusion. It is a matter of worldwide common action to bring peace "for many generations," and for world cooperation between nations through which we will be able to bring a great expansion of markets throughout the world, a stability and solvency of democratic states, rising standards of living and therefore the continuation in peacetime of the same order of magnitude in our production which we have reached in time of war.

The effect is not stagnation, not inaction, not weakening of the labor movement, not an atti-

tude of dependence and fear, but of mass confidence on the part of the labor movement and all other people's organizations. It fires the minds and hearts of hundreds of millions all over the world with the consciousness that they are now in a position to give conscious direction to their destiny. In spite of the fact that it has some superficial resemblance, what would have been and was, under the old conditions, an influence towards suppression of initiative and of thought and hope, of the people, today leads to enlarging the horizon of the masses, giving them assurance, causing them to build more powerful unions, to move ahead with confidence in their role of influencing history. It is true that there is the common element of "getting along with the capitalists." But in this case it is a voluntary policy of getting along with the capitalists, adopted by the masses at this time, at least in our country and many other important countries, do not feel the necessity or believe in the advisability of adopting in their countries a socialist system. What is before them and what they understand and are convinced that they should carry through, is the policy of giving a tremendous new push forward in the material and spiritual welfare of the peoples of all nations through the cooperation of countries, including the socialist state of Russia, the enormous nations of China and India, the peoples of Latin America, etc.

It is a mistake for people to think that other classes, aside from the workers and the colonial peoples, do not also understand a great deal of this. For them it would be absolutely suicidal to proceed in any way that does not provide the national welfare and full employment. The people now know such national well-being can be achieved in any event, and this strengthens the enormous collective effort of the democratic peoples of the world to achieve these things through the Teheran policy.

My friend forgot that there are opportunists today, also, or he would have seen that all of these opportunists are on the opposite side.



# Change the World

**HUGH BAILLIE**, president of the United Press, is waging a campaign for postwar guarantees of an international "free press."

He has proven an effective missionary for this cause. You can hear about it in many a UP dispatch. Mr. Baillie projects a four-point program of freedom. He and unwashed fellow revolutionaries like Roy (Necktie) Howard, Dirty William Hearst and Col. (Stinky) McCormick of the Chicago Trib, demand that the burly Bosses of the United Nations write into the peace treaties such provisos as (1) that all news sources be open to all; (2) transmission facilities be competitively available to all; (3) there be a minimum of official censorship on news and (4) there be equal rights for all newspapers in the world in the gathering of news.

Which is a wonderfully free and equal declaration. If I point out a few flaws it is more in friendship than in scorn.

I want Mr. Baillie's program to succeed for I, too, have dreams of owning my own United Press some day and becoming a free



**By Mike Gold**

journalist. Let us all own our own free press. Forward, fellow strivers of the Newspaper Guild!

THE Federated Press gathers a lot of important news which the United Press ignores and even despises. It is news concerned with obscure Americans who labor. To laboring Americans it is important news. The Federated Press cannot transmit it over the wires, however. It is free to do so, of course. But it hasn't got the cash. The million-dollar United Press has cornered much of the cash. If there is to be world press freedom after the war, will United Press lend a few millions in cash to its proletarian rival, so that equality prevails and competition is free?

During the recent elections, the press used its freedom to broadcast slanders, libels and foul racial rumors, all for the purpose of fighting liberalism.

How will the postwar charter handle this sort of thing, Mr. Baillie? Suppose some of the Nazi secret money filters into America and buys up a flock of magazines and newspapers, as the Nazis did in France, the Ar-

## Mr. Baillie's Press Freedom Could Stand Some Extension

gentine and other lands? Will we give them freedom?

Also, if news facilities are free, if government censorship is at a minimum, will that alone give us a free and truthful press?

Will your "free press" print facts it has been permitted to gather under a new world charter?

TAKE Greece, for example. I note in many newspapers the start of the same campaign against the Greek people as was conducted against President Roosevelt.

One AP reporter tells of ELAS partisans firing on the Red Cross, and of partisan nurses said to carry hand grenades under their uniforms.

Typical Nazi propaganda, of course! "Some authoritative quarters believe there is more than one German agent at work among the partisans," reports this AP liar named Stephen Barber.

Another "free" liar told of how the partisans had established a "dictatorship of the proletariat" in one section of Greece.

Mr. Baillie, I hope you win your campaign for a free world press. But will your "free" millionaire press ever tell the truth about any struggle for democracy?

## Listen Here,



### Mr. Editor

#### A Letter to the Secretary of State

Manhattan.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

Below is a copy of a letter I sent to the Secretary of State, Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.:

Permit me to tell you how pleased I and my many friends with whom I have discussed the situation in Greece, are at your firm stand for a people's self-appointed government, rather than Churchill's wabbling position to restore by force order in liberated Greece.

What is going on in Italy, Belgium and Greece is heartrending, disquieting and appalling. Our men are being decimated on grim battlefields to establish a people's world, and if leaders in the Allied Nations fall in clear-cut thinking and actions for democracy then the struggling, sacrificing, hard-pressed homefront must lose faith and courage—a situation even more disastrous, in my mind, than a stoppage of war production.

We hail you on your pronouncements; wish you all good luck in your new, high, responsible post, and we are happy to feel that our foreign policy is in the hands of one who expressed to the utmost our hopes and ambitions for a speedy victory and a sane and lasting peace the world over.

Very respectfully,

EVA ROBIN.

#### Clean Out AFL, He Contends

Manhattan.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

I am a member of the AFL and I see the way in which the New Orleans convention is going. I see that such a convention is to disunite the workers—not a convention to unite them. But we can not expect another thing from the fascists or near fascists like Hutcheson, Wolf, Dubinsky and company. They are labor betrayers; not labor leaders. I do know that the members of the AFL are going to throw out those traitors because those corrupted leaders do much to injure such a beautiful name as the AFL.

I belong in a local in which nobody knows when the membership meetings take place and if we know when the meetings are going to be held it is no use to go because the members have no right to take the floor. If anyone has the courage to speak, the "gestapo" takes care of him and you can be sure that the Hitler methods are going to be applied to the member. We members of the AFL must throw out these leaders and clean out the AFL.

RAILROAD UNIONIST.

#### Oceans Now 'Small Streams'

Claremont, N. H.

Editor, Daily Worker:

"The oceans have been transformed into small streams by the airships which are now able to span all waterways with ease," says Joseph Ostroy in his regular column of the Claremont Daily Eagle of Nov. 30. He hails Dumbarton Oaks as a worthy successor to Teheran and says that now "mankind is presented with a lifetime opportunity for a better dawn." I thought you might be interested to know that some New England writers are progressive, too, and aware of the need to end isolationism.

B. B. W.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

## Let's Face It

CHICAGO.

THE strong position in favor of international political and economic collaboration taken by Ed O'Neal of the Farm Bureau Federation seems to me of vital importance.

O'Neal's insistence that America must back Bretton Woods, Dumbarton Oaks, the United Nations food and agriculture organization, the Hull trade policies and all other measures to promote the industrialization of backward and ravaged nations was not confined to the Farm Bureau convention.

I have examined several state Farm Bureau publications from Vermont to California, and have found in many of them articles by O'Neal or reports of speeches made to the local state organization in which he vigorously upholds the thesis that the solution for postwar American industry and agriculture lies in the expansion of foreign economies.

His position is firmly grounded on the specific requirements of the nation's agriculture. For instance, in an article in the Monterey, Calif., Farm Bureau monthly for November, he expresses the fear that unless we help other nations to industrialize, our exports will be composed of industrial products and our compensating imports of agricultural products, thus squeezing the American farmers from two directions.

He himself is a spokesman for cotton planting interests, whose need for foreign markets is particularly acute.

The fact that his program is so thoroughly



**by Max Gordon**

acceptance among the broad sections of the based on necessity is, of course, good grounds for believing that it will receive widespread farmers.

O'NEAL has also persistently urged that labor and industrial groups "get together and agree on principles of international trading that will be fair and equitable to all groups." He thus opens the door for labor to establish relations with Farm Bureau organizations on a national, state and county scale to fight for the policies which both O'Neal and labor have endorsed.

The implications of such unity are terrific. The Farm Bureau is politically the most active and potent national farm organization, though not as large as the Grange. Its membership includes close to a million farm families, and it has considerable influence over both the Grange and the National Council of Farm Cooperatives.

Sixty-three percent of the members of the House of Representatives come from constituencies classed as rural, having no city with more than 10,000 inhabitants. Thirty-five states, with 70 of the 96 Senators, are classed as predominantly rural. Get the farmers into motion on behalf of the administration's foreign policy and you can root out the vestiges of so-called "isolationism" still remaining in Senate and House.

## O'Neal Brings New Forces Into Fight for Allied Unity

The Farm Bureau convention position provides a handle.

OTHER features of the O'Neal position indicate a break with the past, flowing from the requirements of the nation's farmers. For instance, he stresses in his articles in the various state journals that farmers "see more government participation than ever before, and it is perfectly clear to them that, as a result, group action by all the segments of our national economy will take on an importance and significance far greater than at any previous time in history."

While he does not exactly welcome greater government participation in national economy, he accepts it as inevitable for two reasons. First, as a spokesman for cotton interests he knows that government aid is necessary to maintain cotton prices and that some form of production control will be essential in view of huge cotton production abroad and the development of cotton substitutes. Other agricultural products will also require some production control after the war, and certainly government aid to maintain prices.

Second, he recognizes finally that full employment and the maintenance of high purchasing power by labor are also essential to farm prosperity. To those of us who have heard O'Neal rave in the past about the way workers are sporting diamonds on every finger and wallowing in liquor because of their huge wages, his warnings that a return to the 40-hour week after the war will cut labor's purchasing power and hence affect the domestic market for food are definite signs of a change.

## Bill of Health

OUR good friend and editor of the London Daily Worker, J. B. S. Haldane, says of present-day medicine:

"The application of science to other branches of life has led to increase in organization. Some of these organizations are capitalistic like the railways or the great industrial combines, others socialistic like the Post Office or Woolwich Arsenal. But though we do not go to an individual artisan for our car or to an individual water-carrier for our water, we still go to an individual doctor for our healing."

This is the core of our problem in the field of medical care—the lack of organization in medical research, the lack of planning for how many doctors the people need, the lack of planning for enough hospitals, the lack of a method for bringing the people to the doctors and the doctors to the people.

Many plans have been brought forward. Many words fly thick and fast from their



## Organizing the Nation's Health Expenditures

**by Celia Langer**

supporters and their opponents, but the problem is not yet solved.

This past weekend there took place a gathering in Washington which brought together the most progressive of the country's thinkers on this problem, the doctors, the labor groups and the consumers. It was called by the Physicians' Forum, an organization of doctors not only interested in good medical care, but actively engaged in support of legislations and action to make it a reality. The National Conference on the Problems of Medical Care discussed medical and hospital facilities, the need for planned research, care of the veterans and how to set up a method for paying the medical bill that will replace the present anarchy.

DR. FRANZ GOLDMANN of Yale University placed the problem. He stated:

"The question is not whether we should use a larger share of the national income to pay for medical care—supposedly a fundamental human right. The question is whether we ought to adopt methods of organization

that systematic existing expenditures insure the most effective use of available resources, and are fair to patients and doctors alike."

The lack of such an organized financial basis for national medical care results in a situation with which we are all familiar. Its medical and scientific results were described by Dr. Ernst Boas, chairman of the Physicians' Forum, when he said:

"Present-day medicine is not living up to its potentialities. If every inhabitant of the United States were given the full benefit of present-day medical knowledge, much disease and disability could be prevented or cured."

The discussion at this conference which in many ways paralleled the National Health Conference called by President Roosevelt in 1938 point the need for such organization as suggested by Philip Murray:

"I should like to see a national joint committee responsible to the President and the Congress for a report on national health and medical care."

\* *Adventures of a Biologist*—J. B. S. Haldane.

\*\* Report of Philip Murray before the Subcommittee on Wartime Health and Education—Washington, D. C.—Sept. 19, 1944.



# Catholic General Hits Intrigues With Franco

General Vicente Rojo, chief of staff of the Spanish Republican Army, and an outstanding leader among Spanish Catholics, is opposed to any attempted deal with Franco.

The general's stand, recently expressed in the Montevideo newspaper, *Espana Democratica* is in direct contrast with the anti-resistance plot being hatched between the "Republican" Miguel Maura, and Royalist generals representing Franco.

"Any compromise solution between the Franco forces and certain political Republicans among the emigres would be useless," Rojo declared. "Moderation is indispensable, but when this 'moderation' is against the will of the people it will not work and it is no good."

"As Spaniards we are anxious to spare as much bloodshed as possible," he continued, "but we are more interested in obtaining a just solution."

In an evident reference to the Supreme Junta of National Union leading resistance inside Spain,



GEN. VICENTE ROJO

whose existence is ignored by Maura and his backers, Indalecio Prieto and Diego Martinez Barrio, Rojo added:

"This solution should be established on the already well-known program of National Union; based on the people, because the people are the only healthy reserve that can achieve Spain's rebirth."

## NEEDS DEMOCRACY

"Spain does not need a savior. Spain needs democracy and a vigorous government entrenched in popular sovereignty."

The current *Espana Popular*, Spanish republican newspaper published in Mexico, reports that Prieto recently approached the two major Catholic organizations which joined the Junta Suprema in June. He tried to convince them to desert the resistance movement and come in with Prieto's pocket organization—the so-called Junta of Liberation of Mexico.

We don't know what inducements Prieto offered, but we do know what the Popular Catholic Party and the Catholic Agrarian Unions replied. They said "No."

## WHAT'S ON

**RATES:** What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 35c per line (6 words to a line)—3 lines minimum.

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### Tonight—Manhattan

**REVIEW OF THE WEEK.** "Democracy and Security in Postwar America." For the final review of the term, Harold Collins will discuss the motion picture "An American Romance" and the book "Road to Serfdom" (Reviews will be resumed on Jan. 5). Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Ave. cor 16th St. 8:40 p.m.

**ADMISSION FREE** to lecture tonight at 8 p.m. on "Housing and Community Planning" by Charles Asher who will speak on the Federal Housing Authority, the City Planning Commission and postwar housing. Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Ave. cor. 16th St.

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**ISRAEL AMTER** "Europe Tomorrow." Sunday, Dec. 17, 8:30 p.m. 43 New Lots Ave. Adm. 25c of Worker sub. Peter Cacchione Victory Club.

**"BEHIND THE EUROPEAN CRISIS."** Robert Minor, speaker. Also question period conducted by Benj. J. Davis Jr., Robert Minor, Joseph Starobin, Thursday, Dec. 21, 8 p.m. Manhattan Center, 34th St. & 8th Ave. Adm. 30c. N. Y. County Communist Political Ass'n.

### Philadelphia, Pa.

**CAPTAIN SERGEI KOURNAKOFF** speaks on the USSR Friday evening, Dec. 18, 9 p.m. Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art, 1704 Walnut St. Adm. 50c.

# Tokyo Paper Reports Superfort Raids Cause Sensational Rumors

MOSCOW, Dec. 14 (UP).—A Tass dispatch from Tokyo dated Dec. 7 reported that the Tokyo newspaper *Shimbun* described the widespread circulation of sensational rumors in Japanese cities arising from the American Superfortress raids.

The dispatch quoted *Shimbun* as saying: "We are worried by the fact that the people of Tokyo are still spreading false and sensational rumors. These exaggerated rumors are spread everywhere in

factories and shops. In connection with more frequent enemy raids upon the capital, the tendency to spread these rumors is increasing. People who spread rumors are actually more dangerous than incendiaries or explosive bombs. No punishment is too severe for these people."

The newspaper also criticized the government for hushing up the damage done by American raids, thus encouraging the rumors.

# Plan Elections in Czechoslovakia While Nazis Are Being Driven Out

The Czechoslovak government's decision to hold elections under the aegis of the resistance groups as Czechoslovakia is liberated illustrates how exile governments can avoid the Belgian and Greek pitfalls.

This plan, reported in yesterday's New York Times, includes resignation of the exile government's highest officials and formation by President Eduard Benes of a provisional government in which the resistance forces will be fully represented.

As soon as the entire country is freed, a constitutional assembly will be held to determine a new electoral law. Respect for the national aspirations of Czechs, Slovaks and Carpatho-Ruthenians, within a federal state, is expected to be a major improvement on the pre-Munich Prague government.

The Czechoslovak government

## 2 Italian Fascist Officers Go on Trial

ROME, Dec. 14 (UP).—The first trial of fascist army officers accused of treason began today when Gen. Riccardo Pentimalli and Ettore Del Tello appeared before the civil high court for the punishment of fascist crimes.

thus has rejected the Churchillian idea that elections cannot be held until long after liberation has been won.

The "legality" of the Benes government is unquestioned. As a matter of fact, despite admitted problems it still has because of pressure from the reactionary Agrarian Party it stands far higher in the

esteem of people back home than most other exile regimes.

The decision to revamp the cabinet on the basis of the underground—typified by the Slovak National Council which led a heroic insurrection in September and October—shows that the London exiles recognize the new legality which has emerged since the total Nazi occupation in March, 1939.

This example, incidentally, could well be followed in Belgium where the Communist Party, as the Daily Worker reported yesterday, suggests that elections be held immediately to see to it that the government represent popular opinion.

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# In Defense of Certain Germans

## THEY FOUGHT FRANCO, AND NOW THEY HELP ELAS

By HANS BERGER

The British propaganda has several times insinuated that Germans are fighting in the ranks of the ELAS. Indeed, it is a fact that there are a few Germans in the ranks of the Greek patriots. The ELAS itself has stated it.

But the question is what kind of Germans? The type of Germans who organized the Greek Gestapo troops, the so-called Security Battalions, defended by Winston Churchill? The type of Germans who suppressed and slaughtered the Greeks with the help of the Greek quislings, who have now found their security behind the British bayonets?

No! Not that scoundrelly type of

German is in the ranks of the Greek patriots. The Germans in the ranks of the ELAS are the type of Germans who fought so gloriously in the International Brigades, in the Thaelmann Battalion in Spain. Such Germans are also in the ranks of Tito's partisans. Such Germans fought together with the French Maquis and are now doing very useful work in the French army. Such Germans died in hundreds of thousands in the long struggles against the Fascist dictatorship within Germany.

The 400 Germans in the ranks of ELAS are deserters from the German occupation troops who went over to the Greek guerrillas in order to fight Hitler, or anti-Nazis taken prisoners by the Greek guerrillas. These are honorable Germans and the whole problem of Germany consists exactly in the fact that there are not enough of this kind. What a shame to slander Greek patriots because they have in their ranks

a few hundred anti-Nazi Germans, and what a shame to slander brave anti-Nazi Germans as being "Germans."

This type of Germans will have to be tomorrow the basis for the remaking of Germany, not German Papandreous, not German Sicherheitsbattallone, not the German counterpart of these rotten Greek forces that Winston Churchill tries to bring into power.

There is unfortunately not often an occasion to show decent Germans. Therefore it is only just to defend those who have proven by deeds that they are not worse fighters in the battle against fascism than the anti-Fascists of all other lands.

If the present policy of Churchill and Eden would prevail after victory over Germany, which is hard to imagine, then the Nazis and all the German war criminals would have few postwar worries.

## Let 'er Roll

By JIM KELLER

DETROIT.

Preparations for The Worker campaign in Michigan were started a few days before the Nov. 7 elections. The preparatory work done before Nov. 26, when the campaign began, immediately doubled the tempo of subscriptions over the previous two-month period.

Our goal is to achieve a net gain of 1,000 subs to The Worker and a 250 increase in the bundle order. We are crediting renewals as subs and are aiming at a much higher figure than 1,000.

Our preparations began with a meeting of trade union leaders where each one undertook an individual quota and took responsibility for calling together and organizing the drive in his shop or union.

Nat Ganley, a member of our National Committee and leading trade unionist, has been placed in charge of the labor phase of the drive. He undertook a personal pledge of 10 subs and on the very next night brought in 9 of them. He has raised his goal to 25 subs. The vice-president of the Michigan CPA, a veteran, Ford Cooper, pledged five subs at this meeting and two days later brought in eight subs. He also increased his goal to 25 subs.

Our members in the Plymouth plant secured 100 subs for the Worker during September and October. In the present campaign they have pledged 300 additional subs by Jan. 1st.

Our members in the Ford plant have pledged to secure 500 subscriptions by Jan. 7th.

While assisting our very busy trade union leaders, we have asked them to do the job of mobilizing the shop and trade union support.

In Michigan we are also setting up shop, building and local union groups and committees with the aim of expanding these into permanent press-clubs around selected shops.

With the encouragement of the Chicago experiences we have formulated some of our own plans for these press clubs which in addition to getting stewards and shop workers to subscribe, can organize forums, discussions, secure articles and endorsements for our press from their union leaders—and work consistently to legalize our press in the shops and unions.

Moreover, we consider these Worker-Press committees or clubs as an important link not only between the Association and large groups of workers, but an important link as well, between the Association and many of our members in the shops at present disconnected from the Association.

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# Columbia University Presents Exciting Record of Russian Architecture

By JOHN MELDON

While Nazi guns hammered at Leningrad, pulverizing some of the world's finest buildings, Soviet architects were busily drawing plans for a newer and greater jewel-city of Russia's north. You can see some examples of the new Leningrad destined to rise from the rubble of war at a public exhibition of Russian architecture now on display at Columbia University's Ayres Memorial Library.

The exhibit traces Russian architecture from the sixth century, showing the influence of Islamic design, up through the period of Persian influence of the 10th century with its "onion" and "helmet" domes, on down through the Classic Revival period of the 17th and 18th centuries. All this is shown graphically with helpful explanatory notes.

Russia, from the early 1900's up until the October Revolution, was in a chaotic state, economically and intellectually, and the instability of Russia's ruling aristocracy in that period is exemplified in the buildings it erected. During those years, its architects and builders swung between the new architectural ideals of the parliamentary and industrialized western Europe and the sombre, archaic formalism of the medieval Eastern Church.

## 17TH CENTURY

Thus, while Russia's big cities were filling with a poverty-stricken, newly-born working class which inhabited shacks and whole streets of drab houses, the aristocracy went about erecting lavish 17th century buildings, while others built magnificent classic revivals based on the Grecian and Roman design.

The Columbia exhibit, in dealing with the post-revolution period, reveals that the first venture of the young Soviet architects was to seek new characteristic expressions which would echo the dynamism and creativeness of socialist life. The first architectural movement, called "Constructivism," sought to express movement and power. However, the school of Soviet architects that wanted an absolute break with the past triumphed, temporarily, and Soviet cities began to display some very unsightly buildings.

## "FORMALISTS"

This school of "Formalists" believed the purpose of the building should dominate its design, and as a result workers' club buildings began to appear in the shape of huge gear wheels, army buildings were erected in the shape of gigantic stars, and one tram workers' club appeared in Moscow of such outlandish design that the workers had a hard time finding their way into the structure. A popular uproar



Design of the principal facade of the proposed Palace of the Soviets at Leningrad, architectural plans for which were drawn up by Soviet planners in 1921 at the height of the Nazi bombardment of the city.

from the Soviet public soon put an end to this.

Then came the third movement, the "Industrial Style" period wherein Soviet architecture began to take root, but it was not until the Soviet Government opened its competition for the proposed Palace of Soviets in 1931 that the whole issue was solved. Famous architects from all over the world submitted designs which were exhibited to the public—for the people to choose. With dispatch the people rejected all "radical" designs and the judges followed suit.

The people and the judges issued

a report which condemned the "childlike unreality of Constructivism and Formalism" and declared that buildings are not machines. Naked formalism is an insult to humanity, they declared, because man must be the center of all man-made construction. They ruled that buildings, avenues, quays, etc., must incorporate all the beauty and art of the ages, meanwhile expressing the fact that man is the master of the machine. Furthermore, the judges said, Lenin stated that a revolutionary society is the heir of all the past, culturally as well as physically. Therefore, any whole-

sale rejection of the past is foolish. The judges and the people supported the traditional and essentially classic style of architecture, and the architecture of ancient Greece and Rome, because of its simplicity and beauty, and because it was built around man was finally adopted as the national style.

Today, architects are drawing plans for rebuilding the Leningrad, Stalingrad and Sevastopol, in designs of beauty and utility that will preserve the best of the past and put them to use for the future.

Visit the Columbia exhibit, it is worth while indeed.

## Interracial Council Sponsors Musicale

An unusual concert sponsored by the Metropolitan Interfaith and Interracial Coordinating Council, featuring Dorothy Maynor, soprano and Ray Lev, pianist, will be given on Sunday evening, Dec. 17, at Hunter College Hall, 117 E. 68th St. Participating artists are Gerhard Pechner, baritone; Hertha Glatz, mezzo-soprano, both of the Metropolitan Opera Company; Pauline Nessi, well known Russian contralto, and Viola Philo, soprano, in addition to a choir of 100 voices under the direction of Leo Low.

The concert is a subscription affair primarily intended for members of the council, but because of public interest in Miss Maynor and Miss Lev, a limited number of tickets have been set aside for public sale. These will be available beginning today at McBrides Ticket Agency, Broadway and 43d St. They are priced at \$3.60, \$1.20 and 60 cents.

## Call for 500 Chinese Extras

Bessie Loo, Chinese agent in Hollywood, scurried to her card index and started a phoning safari when RKO Radio put in a call for 500 Chinese extras to be used in The Invisible Army. It is more than two years since a studio call for so many Chinese players was made.

Several hundred Filipinos are also needed for this story of the guerrilla fighters who continued to battle the Japanese after Bataan fell. John Wayne is starred.

## Budapest Quartet Plays Mozart

The Budapest Quartet will make its second appearance on the New Friends of Music Mozart-French Composers Series in an all-Mozart program this Sunday afternoon at Town Hall.

The program will include the Divertimento for String Trio, E flat major, K.563; the Divertimento No. 2 for two clarinets and bassoon, B flat major, K.229 Annex; and the String Quintet in C major, K.515. In the execution of the last work, the first of Mozart's four great string quintets, the Budapest Quartet will be assisted by Milton Katims, violist. The Divertimento for two clarinets and bassoon will be presented by three members of the Philadelphia Orchestra: Ralph MacLean and Jules Serpentine, clarinets; Louis Del Negro, bassoon. The entire program will be broadcast over Station WQXR.

The Divertimento for clarinets and bassoon belongs to a group of five divertimenti written for this

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## Actors Back Stettinius On Greece

More than 100 actors and other Broadway artists sent telegrams on the Greek situation to Lord Halifax, President Roosevelt and Secretary Stettinius, according to Actors Cues, a New York theatrical daily.

The telegrams read:

"We actors, writers and artists of Broadway endorse the magnificent statement of Secretary Stettinius:

"It is for the Greek people to decide what kind of government they will have."

Among the signatures were those of: Jack Pearl, Lew Leslie, Albert Johnson, Renee Carroll, Leo Shull, Eddie Nugent, Lee Sabinson, Julius Epstein, Philip Epstein, David Brooks, Peter Frye, Theron, Bamberger, Edward Chodorov, Howard Fast, Jay Adler, Lewis Harmon, Clifford Hayman, Martin Gabel, William Harrigan, Philip Loeb, Tex Weiner and Joseph Julian.

## Wallingford Riegger's New-Music Lecture

The Metropolitan Music School, 111 West 88 St., announces the fourth in its series of free lectures. Dr. Wallingford Riegger, whose String Quartet won honorable mention at the Inter-American contest given by the Washington Music Guild, will give an illustrated lecture on What Is Contemporary American Music next Sunday at 8:15 p.m.

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# Late Bulletins

## U.S. Bags 91 Planes Off Luzon

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 14 (UP).—American carrier planes destroyed 91 Japanese planes in merciless raids in and around Luzon, climaxing three days of blazing attacks on enemy objectives stretching from Nauru and Marcus islands to Iwo Jima in the Volcanos and the Philippines, it was announced today.

## Farm Bureau Parley Endorses United Nations Agreements

By MAX GORDON

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—The American Farm Bureau Federation officially endorsed, at the closing session of its 25th annual convention today, the position taken in the report of its president, Edward A. O'Neal, on behalf of Dumbarton Oaks, Bretton Woods, the United Nations Food and Agricultural Conference and progressive trade policies for an expanding world economy.

The Dumbarton Oaks endorsement specifically called for America's acceptance of "its rightful share of the responsibility with the proper executive authority for the enforcement of the decisions of the Security Council, by military force if necessary."

pledging continued all-out backing to the war effort, the convention also appealed "with all the earnestness of which we are capable" to the leaders of other agricultural organizations, of labor and industry to join in a series of conferences in 1945 on postwar economic problems.

Specifically, the resolution asked that such a conference formulate a program to maintain large-scale production in agriculture and industry, and the interchange of goods "on the basis of true economic balance and the establishment and maintenance of a standard regular wage for workers."

It urged that all groups subordinate former differences to the interests of the nation as a whole in view of the importance of postwar decisions.

### OPPOSE WAGE RAISE

Unfortunately, in formulating its own economic policy for the immediate period, the convention failed to live up to that precept. It disregarded the rise in living costs for workers and insisted that there be no revision of the Little Steel "wage formula, on the grounds that this was essential to the prevention of

inflation." It then turned around and attacked the administration subsidy program, demanding, instead, that food prices be increased so that they reach market level without subsidies. It failed to note that this would lead to inflation.

The convention went on record in favor of maintaining postwar price controls on industrial goods until enough industrial commodities are on hand to effect a balance with agriculture.

The convention adopted a tax program more in line with the demands of the National Association of Manufacturers than with the working farmer. It was strongly rebuked for this by a leading delegate from California, George Wilson.

The program called for a broad income tax base with maintenance of low exemptions and a drastic cut in corporate taxes. Wilson charged the corporate provision went further than the NAM program. He stated it was not the business of the farmers to protect corporations, which were doing very well for themselves, but rather to defend small business and individual enterprises from the encroachments of corporations.

His motion to strike out the intricate clause on corporate taxes was defeated after resolutions chairman Earl C. Smith, head of the Illinois bureau and national vice-chairman, declared the best tax experts had drawn up this provision.

The convention went on record against compulsory military conscription, for Federal aid to education but with local control, grappled with the problem of rural health and did not change its previous stand on behalf of the St. Lawrence Seaway project. It took no stand on the other proposed power projects, but declared its general backing for development of all power resources by the Government provided the states affected agreed.

General officers of the bureau were not elected at this convention.

## 5 More Japanese Admirals Killed

By United Press

Five more Japanese admirals have "died in action," the Japanese Domei news agency reported yesterday, bringing to 78 the number of admirals reported killed since May 17.

## Yanks Ready to Spring Big Leyte Drive

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Leyte, Philippines, Friday, Dec. 15 (UP).—A full-scale offensive by Maj. Gen. Andrew D. Bruce's 77th Division driving northward against the Japanese main defense line in western Leyte appeared imminent today if weather continued to improve.

Slightly less than 15 miles of Japanese-held territory now separate the 77th from Maj. Gen. William H. Gill's 32d Division fighting slowly down from the north along the Ormoc corridor.

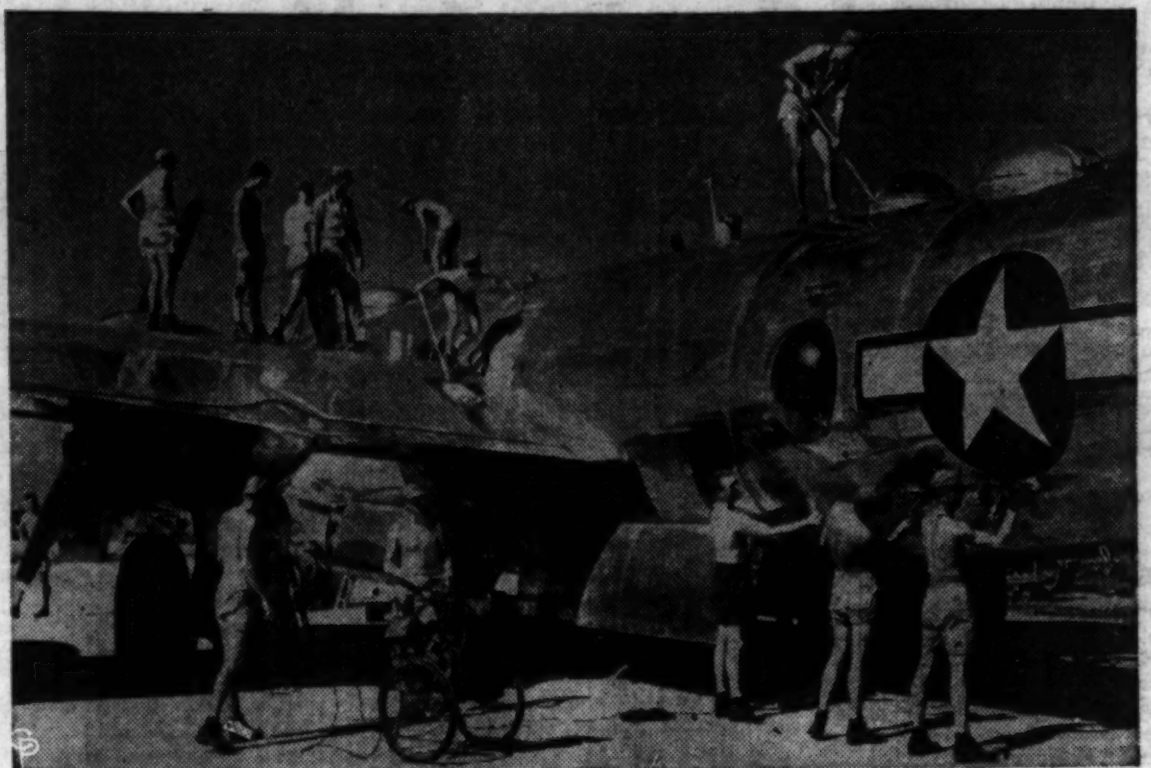
## Lupe Velez Commits Suicide

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 14 (UP).—Lupe Velez, film star, committed suicide today because she was pregnant and preferred "to take my life away and my baby's before I bring him with shame or kill him."

The 33-year-old actress died from an overdose of sleeping pills in the bedroom of her Beverly Hills home after she had penned notes to her personal secretary and to Harold Ramond, a French actor.

# Daily Worker

New York, Friday, December 15, 1944



A B-29 gets a beauty treatment at the Saipan air base. This big bird will soon be dropping her eggs on Tokyo.

## The Veteran Commander

### RED ARMY DRILLING TOWARD CENTRAL SLOVAKIA

SOME two weeks ago we wrote that the objective of the Red Army northeast of Budapest was the triangle of railroads linking the three junctions of Hatvan, Miskolc and Filkovo (Fuelok). Hatvan was taken on Nov. 26, Miskolc on Dec. 3. Now the Red Army is drilling toward Filkovo which is across the Hungarian border in south-central Slovakia. The capture of Filkovo would provide Marshal Malinovsky with a good base for a further thrust toward Zwolen on the middle Hron River and would also constitute an outflanking of the Eipel (Ipel) River which blocks access to the plain leading toward Bratislava and Vienna.

Another unobtrusive, but highly important move is being made by Malinovsky north of Miskolc where the Marshal is threatening to take Kosice from the rear and create a pincers in conjunction with General Petrov who is pressing toward that junction from the east, his right flank anchored in the Dukla Pass.

The Germans are putting up a terrific fight for Budapest and the Soviet communique is using the expression "our troops are fighting their way forward step-by-step."

As we indicated before, the capture of Budapest cannot be expected before Marshal Tolbukhin cracks the Balaton-Danube corridor and Marshal Malinovsky crosses the Danube north of Budapest. It should not be forgotten that the defense line now being attacked by the Red Army is the main "armor"

of the mountain region of Austria-Bavaria which the Nazis expect to turn into their "post-defeat" stronghold.

The Balaton-Budapest position is the strategic equivalent of the Karlsruhe-Huningue position on the Rhine. They both cover the Bavarian-Austrian massif in the center of which lies the "Valhalla" of Berchtesgaden, halfway between Strasbourg and Szekesfeharvar. Budapest is the opposite number of Karlsruhe.

If we draw an imaginary line from north to south through Berchtesgaden we will find the following approximately symmetrical points on both sides:

Huningue .....	Nagykanizsa
Kehl .....	Szekesfeharvar
(Strasbourg's eastern counter-	
part across the Rhine)	
Karlsruhe .....	Budapest
Munich .....	Linz
Stuttgart .....	Vienna
Nurnberg .....	Brno

The capture by Allied armies of either one of these points would be approximately equivalent in importance to the capture of its opposite number.

Right now the only ones under immediate threat are Budapest, Szekesfeharvar and Nagykanizsa.

In terms of human opposite numbers the line-up is approximately this:

General Devers .....	Marshal Tolbukhin
General Patton ....	Marshal Malinovsky
Gen. Hodges, Simpson .....	Gen. Petrov

Both groups of Allied commanders have an active frontage of about 350 miles.

## AMG Will Return Nazi Loot to Owners

The Allied Military Government in Germany will attempt to return to rightful owners all works of art and objects of scientific or historical value stolen by the Nazis in occupied countries, a proclamation issued in the name of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said yesterday.

The proclamation also warned sale or movement of such objects would be forbidden and destruction of them would bring severe punishment.

## Reich Industry Plan

LONDON, Dec. 14 (UP).—Allied leaders mapping the postwar control of defeated Germany were understood today to have rejected flatly the so-called "Morgenthau plan" for destruction of all Nazi industry.

